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Sir:

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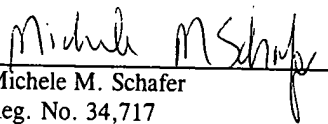
The relevance of the documents is described in the present specification. An English translation of document A13 is not readily available. However, an abstract of the European document is submitted herewith. Moreover, the absence of such a translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner, be formally made of record in the present application, and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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